

**Summary of Clinical Evaluations for Possible Anthrax Disease,
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No. Of Patients	Current Assessment of Patients
5	Confirmed cases Clinically compatible case of anthrax that is - laboratory confirmed by isolation of <i>B. anthracis</i> from an affected tissue or site OR Other laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> infection based on at least two supportive laboratory tests
0	Suspected cases Clinical with supportive laboratory evidence (without known exposure) Clinically compatible case of illness without isolation of <i>B. anthracis</i> and no alternative diagnosis, but with laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> by one supportive laboratory test OR Clinical without supportive laboratory evidence (with known exposure) A clinically compatible case of anthrax epidemiologically linked to a confirmed environmental exposure, but without corroborative laboratory evidence of <i>B. anthracis</i> infection.
8	Clinical illness warranting further precautionary investigation Clinical illness with some features that could suggest anthrax, but is not a suspected case. These cases are being evaluated with further testing and/or follow-up to rule out anthrax disease.
24	Low suspicion Patients with potential anthrax exposure who have a clinical illness with features that suggest it is most likely not anthrax-related, but are still under evaluation.
123	No apparent anthrax disease Patients with potential anthrax exposure who have been clinically evaluated and appear to have no current anthrax disease.

*For CDC case definition of confirmation see: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>
CDC. Update: Investigation of Anthrax Associated with Intentional Exposure and Interim Public Health Guidelines, October 2001. MMWR 2001;50(41):889--893.